Covered Bridge Community News

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Checks must be written to Covered Bridge, not A. Hunter. Rental payments can be made online at: www.ahunter.com

Heat Tape

You must have operating heat tape on your water lines to avoid the lines from freezing. Replacing water lines is both costly and inconvenient for you. A red light showing the heat tape is working is not always a good indicator of working heat tape. Make sure your lines are warm to the touch. It is your responsibility to keep your lines from freezing. (See page 2 for more information).

Snow Removal

Keep streets clear so the plows can do their job. Do not approach snow removal contractors. Should you have any concerns with snow removal, contact A. Hunter, NOT the snow plow operator.

Uninspected Vehicles

Please make sure your vehicles have current inspection stickers and the vehicles are operational. Vehicles that are inoperable and/or uninspected will be towed from the community.

Insurance

As a reminder, your lease agreement requires you to carry homeowners insurance. Should something happen to your home due to wind, a fallen tree, or an act of God, it is your homeowner's insurance that would pay for the damages. Without homeowner's insurance, you are responsible for damages that occur to your home. You would end up paying for those damages out of your pocket. Homeowner's insurance is reasonably priced. If you don't have it, you should contact an agent today.

Fall Leaves

If you have not cleaned up/collected your Fall leaves, you need to complete this task.

Keeping Your Lines from Freezing Is Your Responsibility

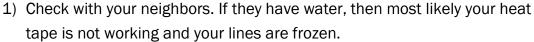
Our office has been taking approximately 10 emergency pages per weekend in regards to residents stating, "I have no water".

Every time the temperature drops below freezing, these calls flood our office. 99% of the time, the frozen lines occur because a resident did not install heat tape and/or did not check that the heat tape is working properly. We have received calls where people forgot to plug in their heat tape. Residents tell us their heat tape is working, but upon further inquiry, we discover that the resident knew that it wasn't working. We have discovered that if a resident can't afford a plumber to resolve their frozen lines, they call our office. It's important to note that if your lines freeze, your water lines can break along with our water meter. You would be responsible for the repair costs of both your lines and the water meter, which can be very expensive.

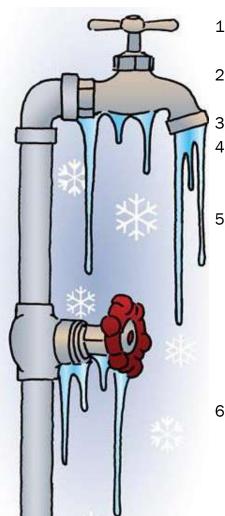
Taking the time to install and plug in your heat tape will prevent you from paying for costly repairs.

We care about our residents. If a community is without water, we want to be informed and assist in resolving the problem. However, it is unfair to expect our staff to take all of these emergency calls when a resident was negligent in preventing their lines from freezing. As a reminder, calls to our office that are not true emergencies are billed to the resident at \$25.00.

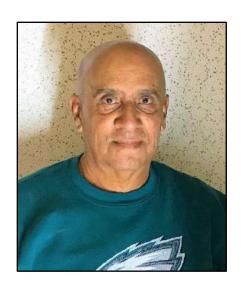
Going forward, if you do not have water, please take the following steps before calling the office:



- 2) Check your heat tape, is it working? Is it warm to the touch? Even if the light is on, it may not be working. You need to touch it to see if it's warm.
- 3) Check to make sure you plugged in your heat tape.
- 4) You are responsible for all plumbing and plumbing fixtures from ground level to and throughout your home. If any of these lines are not insulated, your lines will freeze.
- If you call us, and we send a plumber, and the plumber determines your lines froze, you will be responsible for the bill. Plumbing bills can be expensive, especially during the night or on weekends. Don't think that because you call and tell us you have no water, we will send out a plumber and pay for it. We can send out a plumber, but if the issue is because your lines have frozen, you will be responsible for paying that bill. We don't do "payment plans" ...where we pay the plumber and then you make payments to us.
- 6) If we discover that your "emergency" call was due to your lines freezing, and it's no fault of the community lines, you will be billed the fee for calling in an emergency that is really your responsibility.



Meet Our Staff



John Santana Inspector

John Santana joined our team in 2015. John takes care of daily bank and post office runs, delivering product for A. Hunter, and Inspecting several communities we manage.

John is well liked by our residents and takes pride in making sure our communities are looking their very best.

Community Notices and Items for Sale

This is your section. Please email us anything you would like advertised, or published in your newsletter.

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Spring Newsletter submission deadline: February 28th

Free Covid-19 Tests

The federal government has launched a website at **www.covidtests.gov** that allows each household in the USA to order a package of four at-home tests, free of charge. Patients do no need insurance to order and shipping is free.

Rent Increase Reminder

Rent increased to \$365 effective January 1st.

Good Petiquette

You must clean up after your dog on a daily basis/every time you take them outside.



Think Spring

In the middle of winter, it's hard to think about Spring. However, Spring is just around the corner... and Spring brings spring cleaning. Please start preparing for the following:

Lawn Care: Please take care of your lawn this Spring... this includes weeding.

Power Washing/Skirting Repairs: Now is the time to take note if your home needs power washing or skirting repairs in the Spring. We will be sending letters if your skirting needs repaired or your home needs power washed.

Lots Available

22 West Kidds Mill Road, Transfer, PA

We currently have single and doublewide spaces available for your approved existing home or let us help you design your dream home. Rent: \$365. Security Deposit \$100. Water and sewer included in rent. Pets: 1 dog and 1 cat permitted at no charge. Electric not included, but provided by Penn Power 1-888-544-4877. Trash removal service not included.

Call 717 274-2104 or visit ahunter.com/communities for more information.

LEASE ADDENDUM

November 16, 2021

Effective immediately we are revising your lease agreement, in your best interest. This addendum will supersede your existing lease agreement clauses as referenced below.

The following item is being removed from your lease agreement:

Eviction Clause currently states that lessee waives their right to a Notice to Quit.

It is worded as follows in your lease agreement. "Notice to Quit: Lessee hereby waives the Notice to Quit otherwise required by Pennsylvania Lessor and Tenant Act of 1951, as amended, 68 P.S. 250.101 et seq., and any other applicable law. That means that the Lessor may demand that Lessee vacate the premises immediately without prior notice when this lease ends, or if the Lessee is in default of this lease."

(Removing this paragraph means that before we can take legal action against you, appropriate notice must be given. We currently do give notice, but the waiver of the Notice to Quit is being removed from your lease).

<u>Attorney's Fees are changed as follows</u>. Lease will NOT permit Lessor to charge residents its court costs and attorney's fees in any claim brought on behalf of the Lessee, regardless of whether Respondent prevails.

(This means you are not responsible for Attorney Fees of Lessor if you bring a lawsuit against them. This does NOT mean that you are not responsible for court costs when there is a hearing and the judge rules in favor of the landlord, as long as the court gives the hearing fees as part of the judgment).





What is LIHWAP?

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant. You do not have to repay it.

To receive help...

- Apply starting January 4, 2022.
- · You don't have to be on public assistance.
- You need to have an unpaid water bill.
- · You can either rent or own your home.

How does LIHWAP work?

LIHWAP Crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your water service. You can receive one Crisis grant for your drinking water service and one Crisis grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

Crisis situations include:

- Past-due water bills.
- Termination of utility service.
- Danger of having utility service terminated (received a notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days).

How do I apply?

- Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us.
- Request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.
- Applications are available at your local county assistance office.

To apply, you will need:

- Names of people in your household;
- Dates of birth for all household members;
- Social Security numbers for all household members;
- Proof of income for all household members; and
- A recent water bill.

Who is eligible?

You may qualify for a LIHWAP grant if:

- You must have an overdue water bill that you are responsible for paying.
- Your household income meets the following income guidelines:

INCOME GUIDELINES Household Maximum Annual Size Income 1 \$ 19,320 2 \$ 26,130 3 \$ 32,940 4 \$ 39,750 5 \$ 46,560 \$ 53,370 6 7 \$ 60,180 \$ 66,990 \$ 73,800 10 \$ 80,610 Each Additional Person Add \$ 6,810

After your application is processed, you will receive a written notice that will tell you if you qualify. If eligible, it will tell you the amount of your grant.

Affordable Housing..

- Customized Homes
- 2-4 Total Bedroom(s)
- 2 Bathrooms
- Approx. 1000-2000
 sq ft
- Energy Efficient
- Air Conditioning
- Vaulted Ceilings
- Hardwood Floors
- Slate Entry
- Family Room and Living Room
- Beautiful plumbing, faucets and the latest appliances
- Affordable
- Financing Available
- Homes must adhere to strict guideline administered by the Federal HUD Code











MANUFACTURED HOUSING offers affordable housing and quality homes. New models offer family friendly floor plans, beautiful flooring, drywall and the latest appliances. Choosing manufactured housing is affordable, the homes offer quality and energy efficiency, customization, and finally great financing options! With the demand for manufactured housing increasing, lenders are offering lending solutions to buyers.

Call A. Hunter and let us help you move in to your brand new home.

Call A. Hunter Homes at 717 274-2104

To the Owner and A Hunter Property of Covered Bridge MHP Transfer, Pa

Just a recent letter letting tentents of Covered Bridge MHP about the \$50.00 raise in lot rent starting Jan.2022

Tentants would like to know what have you done for them for such an increase. Most of the tentents, about 80%

in the park are either retired, on Social Security or disability and still no onsite manger and all they get is

call the police if there is a problem, shame on you, most of the problems police say it is private property and

call the owner or management company. Our local police have other Important issues to deal with on a daily

basis. You have improved the sewer system but thats about it. Not all trees were trimmed and roads

are atrocious, security lighting is a no go either which was said it would be taken care of. Well 3 years have

passed and still nothing for the money you are collecting. As far a water goes you should of let it alone and

have the tentants keep paying for there own. If they didn't pay then they got shut off. Also it is not fair

that there are alot of Taxes due on alot of the homes in here that have been in upsale but they are still allowed to stay why others pay theres. Plus you give many chances to renters to catch up on lot rent after you have taken them to court 3 or 4 times, which is not fair to the ones who always pay ontime. We have seen it in court documents online. It doesn't take a genius to look that up on there Mercer County web site and also check for back taxes. You have people in here mowing lots that are rented by a tentants and can mow there own but are to lazy and another tentant and so on. And since you have also put into our rently gareement that we need to have a

put into our rently agreement that we need to have a licensed person do any work on our place in the park guess

he WILL NOT be aloud to do anything at my place

its the LAW.. You said that you were going to CLEAN UP the park (your words) when you took a walk thru, when

A Hunter Property Mgt. took over this park and it still Looks like a dump. When we call the office during

business hours they are rude and useless. We have called several times complaining about

, and nothing is done.

Also you stated that you are constantly upgrading the property and maintaining the overall conditions to the

highest standards well your standards must be very low then.. We don't want to hear its all due to COVID

thats another excuse to use because most is back to normal. As far as supplies for this place we don't see

any so the owner saying he simply cannot operate the community at a loss is a BIG JOKE. Maybe he shouldn't

have bought the Mobile Home Park in the first place. Old saying is you have to spend some money in order to

make money I should know as me and my x-husband use to own severaly rental properties and put the money

into a holding for the rental place, like this in a separate fund just for Covere Bridge MHP if not then maybe

we should all take out a lien on the owners property holdings. With the rent increase of \$50.00 starting in

Jan. 2022, retirees, Social Security and the disabled people can kiss the little raise good buy and HELLO to

your bank account. That increase does not match for a single person or 2 person in this park SHAME on the OWNER

whoever he is..It seems to us that he is hiding behind A Hunter Property Mgmt. the owner is not GOD...

The owner from back in 2006 lived in Brookfield Ohio and was in this park 2 - 3 times a day and if there was a problem when he was not here we called him and he was here in a short while and took care of the problem until

he sold it God how we all miss him. Almost all mobile home parks have an onsite manager that is qualified. We

have not seen this owner once. He has A Hunter Property Mgt. come in once in a great while, A Hunter Property

Mgt. is just the money collection and you also have a guy

Licensed for. Cops have been in here for people

threatening to kill each other but gee who cares and who ever runs this place we are the BLACK SHEEP of his

properties, shame, shame. Also for that kind of rent raise you should include Trash Removal, not

everyone has trash and they are shraing with others which is not fair for us they pay the Trash Removal

company....It is an embarrassment to let anyoneknow where we live..

Regards, Residents of Covered Bridge MHP January 01,2022

Below is the Owner's response to the letter from Concerned Residents

We recently received a letter from "Residents of Covered Bridge", which brings up several concerns the residents have in regards to the community and the rent increase. For those of you who have not seen the letter, it is included in this newsletter (see pages 7-10).

We would like to address the concerns that the letter brings to our attention.

First, the rent increase of \$50.00. We want to be very clear that when the community was purchased, we **legally** were no longer permitted to charge residents for their water and sewer usage. Rent was increased at that time to ensure income remained the same as it was when residents were charged for water and sewer. So there was actually no increase at that time. Since that time, **residents began using a lot more water** than when they had to pay for their own water usage... greatly increasing the water/sewer costs to the community owner.

In the past two years, rent was actually increased by \$10 one year and then \$50 this year. In effect, in two years, rent was increased \$60 (or \$30 per year). At the same time, your water usage has changed considerably, and residents are not conserving water. **This is a dramatic increase in cost** to the community owner.

In addition to the increased water/sewer costs the owner has to pay, he also spent over **\$100,000** (one hundred thousand dollars!) on new sewer lines and over **\$40,000** on a new lift station. That's close to \$150,000 in less than 2 years. The rent increase does not begin to cover those costs.

In addition to water/sewer increased costs, \$150,000 into infrastructure, insurance increases, tax increases, lawn care expenses, etc., costs to operate the community have greatly increased, making a rent increase absolutely necessary.

No On Site Manager - You have someone available to you 24/7 for emergencies and a staff to address all other concerns throughout the week. We do not have the need for an on-site manager at this time.

Police – Some calls to our office are disputes with neighbors. The office tries to assist with neighborly disputes, however, **if something illegal is being done** by one neighbor to another, **you need to call the police.** That being said, A. Hunter does notify anyone who is violating the rules and advises that they could be removed for rule violations. **The Law requires us** to notify residents with 2 certified letters before we can file, and then we have to hope a judge will allow us to evict someone when they violate the rules.

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If you are being harassed by a neighbor, **the legal process we must go through** can be lengthy (up to 6 months or more). For this reason, it is sometimes necessary that you contact the police with a legal issue you are having with your neighbor.

Water/Sewer - We are not legally permitted to bill the residents for water and sewer. Therefore, we could not "leave it alone". Secondly it is illegal for an owner to shut off someone's water if they don't pay their bill.

Taxes/Upset Sales - You state we should evict people who don't pay taxes. We cannot legally do that.

Unpaid taxes are a dispute between a home owner and the Township. There is not one thing we can do to a resident who does not pay their taxes. We too can see who owes taxes, but we cannot take any action.

Action can only be taken by the township.

Court and Letting Residents Stay – Again, legally we cannot evict someone if they catch up on their rent. We are dealing with a legal system. If the Judge forces us to allow the residents remain if they pay rent, then legally that is what we must do. In 99% of cases the judge does not give us possession. Instead, they order that we can evict someone if they do not pay the judgement amount. We cannot change the legal system.

Lot Mowing - We do not mow anyone's lot for free. If a resident is having their lot mowed, they are paying for it. It's their choice if they wish to mow their lawn or if they wish to pay for someone to mow... as long as their grass is mowed.

We realize that rent increases do cause hardships for some residents and we don't like to see that happen. However, in order to keep the community operating, it is imperative that enough rent be charged to cover operating expenses.

Should any resident have a specific concern, please feel free to reach out to A. Hunter who was hired to assist the residents. As always, I welcome you to reach out to me at **info@ahunter.com**. All emails are answered and we always work hard to assist our residents.



How to Beat the Winter Blues

By Sara Lindberg

If colder weather and shorter days cause you to feel the winter blues, you're not alone. It's not uncommon to experience fatigue, sadness, difficulty concentrating, and a disruption in your sleep schedule during the winter season. The good news? There are things you can do to beat the winter blues.

"People feel sad sometimes, and there is nothing wrong with that. In fact, having emotions is part of what makes us all human and not something that we want to extinguish," says Gaveras.

For many people, Gaveras says, the fall and winter months precipitate some gloom and sadness, and a lot of that is related to the lack of sunlight.

"During the winter months, people leave their home in the dark, spend all day in an office with no windows, and then leave work to commute home again, in the dark. That can affect most people's dispositions," she says. If you're working from home, and not getting outdoors before work or during your lunch hour, you may not be leaving your home at all now that it turns dark earlier.

7 Tips to Help Beat the Winter Blues

While you may not be able to change the weather or amount of daylight during the winter, you can practice good self-care to help you feel better. Here are 10 strategies you can try to beat the winter blues.

Take a Break from the News

Being indoors more often means an increase in screen time. And if this time is spent consuming a non-stop news cycle, you may feel an increase in the winter blues. To help minimize stress, sadness, and despair from the news, try to limit the amount of time you spend in front of a screen. If possible, schedule, at most, one hour for news. You can watch this in one sitting or break it up into chunks.

Boost Your Mood with Food

A simple change to boost your mood is to consider the food you eat. Consuming protein with breakfast, lunch, and dinner can enhance mood and prevent sugar and carb cravings later in the day. Also, including foods high in vitamin D such as fatty fish, fish oil, and vitamin D fortified foods like milk, orange juice, breakfast cereal, yogurt, and other food sources can help balance mood. According to one meta-analysis, researchers found that people with depression have low vitamin D levels, and people with low vitamin D are at a greater risk of depression. If you are not getting enough vitamin D in your diet or through sunlight, talk to your doctor about taking a supplement, especially in the winter months.

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Keep Up Your Sleep Routine

Sleep is a huge component of mood. Without adequate, regular sleep, psychologist Kelly Donahue, PhD, says our circadian rhythm can get disrupted, which also disrupts cortisol rhythms and impacts hormone production. To improve your sleep, Donahue recommends:

- Go to bed and wake up at the same time every day.
- Follow a simple bedtime routine that signals rest, such as taking a bath, turning down the lights, or drinking a cup of herbal tea.
- Expose yourself to light as soon as you wake up.
- Sleep in a cool, dark room.
- Don't use electronics in your bedroom.
- Write all of your worry thoughts on a piece of paper before bed so that if you wake up in the night, you can tell your mind you don't need to worry because the thoughts are captured on paper and will be waiting for you to tackle in the morning.

Do Some Physical Activity

Physical activity has been shown to boost mood, decrease the symptoms of depression, and reduce stress. Start slowly and build up to 30 to 60 minutes a day, five days a week, of aerobic exercise, strength training, yoga, or other fitness-related activities. Getting outside daily, even for a few minutes a day, can make a huge impact on your mood.

Try the 10x10x10 Plan

It's not uncommon to feel overwhelmed, lethargic, and unmotivated to exercise when feeling depressed. So, instead of committing to one longer workout, break the time up into chunks. For example, if your goal is to walk 30 minutes a day, divide the time into three mini-workouts of 10 minutes each. Take one walk in the morning, another in the early afternoon, and one before it gets dark.

Call on Your Support System

Loneliness and isolation tend to make the effects of the winter blues worse. That's why your support system, which may include friends, family, co-workers, and sponsors, should be on speed dial. "If 2020 taught us anything, it is that human contact and socialization is important to our mental health," Gaveras says. And when you are dealing with the winter blues, finding a way to spend time with supportive people is key to boosting your mood. This may include walks outdoors, talking on the phone, or coffee dates (virtual or in person, depending on your circumstances).

Seek Out the Sun

Getting outside needs to be a priority during the winter months. Symptoms are worsened by a lack of sun exposure, soaking up the sun—even in winter temperatures—is critical. Being in the sunlight helps balance serotonin activity, increases melatonin production, balances your circadian rhythm, and increases vitamin D levels, which can lead to an improved emotional state. If you cannot get outdoors, move a chair, work station, or kitchen table next to a window that gets sunlight. Aim to sit in this location for at least one to two hours a day. If one sitting is not possible, break the time into shorter chunks throughout the daytime hours.

The winter blues can take a toll on your physical and mental health. And while you can't change the season, you can make choices to help minimize the effects of feeling down.

If lifestyle interventions like those listed above are not providing enough relief, you may want to schedule an appointment with your doctor or mental health expert.

Winter Bucket List 2022

Go to a museum

PLAY A NEW BOARD GAME

Go Sledding

Build an indoor snowman

Make snowman food

bake (wwkies

CATCH SNOWFLAKES ON YOUR TONGUE

Have an indoor pichic









Play with snow make host Chocolate

Feed the birds

GO ICE SKATING

Eat snow cones

Make borax snowflakes

Have a PJ day

Make Valentines

BUILD A BLANKET FORT

Curl up under a blanket and watch a movie



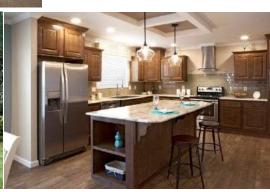


Today's manufactured homes are modern and are built with the same insulation and roofing as site-built homes.

There are many floor plans to choose from as well as hundreds of options for colors, countertops, fixtures, flooring, cabinetry, and etc. Each model can be customized to suit you. Let us help you find your dream home.







Find Your Dream Home













Striped Delight

Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 package (8oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1 container (8oz) Cool Whip, thawed
- 2 packages (4 serving size) Jello brand Instant Pudding & Pie Filling (chocolate)
- 3 ½ cups cold milk

Directions:

- 1) Combine graham cracker drubs, ½ cup sugar and melted butter. Press firmly into bottom of 13x9" pan. * time saver...Use 2 graham ready pie crusts.
- 2) Beat cream cheese with sugar and 2 tablespoons of milk until smooth. Fold in <u>half</u> of the whipped topping. Spread over pie crust.
- 3) Prepare pudding as directed on package, using 3 ½ cups milk. Pour over cream cheese layer.
- 4) Chill several hours, or overnight.
- 5) Spread remaining whipped topping over pudding.
- 6) Garnish with grated chocolate or chopped nuts (if desired). Serves 15





Parmesan Crusted Ranch Mayo Chicken

Ingredients:

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Ranch Dip mix (powder)
- ½ cup Parmesan cheese
- Panko bread crumbs
- 4 chicken breasts

Directions:

- 1) Mix Mayonnaise, ranch dip mix, and parmesan.
- 2) Spread mix on top of chicken breasts.
- 3) Sprinkle with bread crumbs.
- 4) Bake on a cookie sheet at 425° for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or at 350° for an hour.



Candied Pecans

Ingredients:

2/3 cup white sugar

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 egg white

½ tablespoon water

½ tablespoon vanilla

1 pound pecan halves

Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 250°
- 2) Mix sugar, cinnamon, and salt together in a storage baggie.
- 3) Whisk egg white, water, and vanilla together in a separate bowl until frothy.
- 4) Toss pecans in the egg white mixture.
- 5) Toss coated pecans into sugar mixture and mix until evenly coated.
- 6) Spread coated pecans onto a parchment covered baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes.





WORD SEARCH

BLIZZARD BOOTS COLD **CHILLY FIREPLACE FROSTY FROZEN GIVING GLOVES** HAT HOLIDAYS **HOT CHOCOLATE ICE ICE SKATE MITTENS ICICLE SCARF PINE TREE SNOWBALL SNOW** SNOWFLAKE SNOWMAN WIND

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C P Y I J U U L S U Q S I Y G

1. What falls but never gets hurt?

SNOWSUIT WINTER



2. Who is Frosty's favorite aunt?



3. Why was the snowman looking in the bag of carrots?



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